

A person in a dark hazmat suit, goggles, and gloves is working on a metal component. The person is crouched down, holding a tool and a hose. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Casey Trietsch



The Jackie G. Brown Logistics Award was presented to the Supply Department aboard the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) (Ike) during a ceremony held on the ship's aft mess decks April 12, 2018.

This is the first time the award was presented, and will be given annually to aircraft carriers from the east and west coast that personify logistics professionalism and excellence.

"We competed with other Naval Air Force Atlantic (CNAL) aircraft carriers and through various criteria to include metrics, inspections, and assessments across Supply Department," said Supply Officer Cmdr. Ryan Lookabill. "We excelled and overall, we scored the highest."

This distinguished award is named after Jackie G. Brown, a retired civil servant, who has served in the supply community for more than 35 years. This award recognizes commands that display sustained

superior performance and notable accomplishments.

Supply Department achieved an outstanding grade of 95.7 percent on the Supply Management Inspection and a 95 percent average accomplishment rate on CNAL monthly metrics goals for 2017.

Even though the work load and fast-paced tempo has slowed down since coming to the yards, Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Freddy Nunez said that this award shows how much work Supply Department really does on the Ike.

"There is a lot more to Supply Department than people see," said Nunez. "Logistics, on an aircraft carrier in particular have 19 different departments on board and we supply all of them. To see us win this award shows that everyone is doing what we're supposed to be doing and more."

According to Lookabill, they

weren't expecting to win this award due to other aircraft carriers being forward-deployed, but were pleasantly surprised that Ike was recognized for the hard work and dedication to accomplishing the mission.

"It shows all the hard work we do on a daily basis," said Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Brent Delozier. "We do everything for the ship so it's nice to be recognized for our selflessness."

Lookabill said that even though the Ike is in its maintenance availability phase, the ship has still been able to maintain the same level of supply readiness that the ship had prior to arriving at Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

"I am very proud of our team," said Lookabill. "Our philosophy is we bring it everyday, we celebrate our victories and then we get back to work because there is always much more to be done."



## Navy Optimistic Nuclear Sub USS Columbia Will Be Ready for First Deterrence Patrol In 2031

The director of the Navy's Strategic Systems Programs was confident that the first of a new class of ballistic missile submarine, the planned USS Columbia (SSBN-826), would be ready for its first patrol in 2031. That will be just before the current Ohio-class nuclear-deterrent boats are too old to submerge.

The major components of what will be on Columbia are "on schedule and on track to support" a 2028 launch and a 2031 patrol, SSP director Vice Adm. Terry J. Benedict said.

Meeting that deadline is critical because the Ohio-class submarines will be reaching the absolute limit of their ability to submerge for a patrol, Navy officials have warned.

In what was likely his last public appearance before he retires in May, after 35 years of commission service and eight years as SSP director, Benedict was completely positive on the status of the Navy's stop acquisition program.

The missile tubes, which will go into a common missile compartment for both the Columbia boats and the planned HMS Dreadnaught, which will replace the Royal Navy's Vanguard ballistic missile subs, are in production, he said.

And General Dynamics Electric Boat, the prime contractor for Columbia, "is now gearing up for production" of the hull and assembly of the components produced by others, such as the advanced nuclear power plant from Naval Reactors, he told a breakfast session of the Mitchell Nuclear Deterrence series.

"I do believe the hull will be ready," Benedict said.

"All the fixtures for the common control compartment have been purchased, have been installed or going through their certification process."

Benedict said the major features of the Columbia hull and the mechanical and electrical components are "leveraging, to the maximum extent possible, what we have done on Virginia," the current line of attack submarines co-produced by Electric Boat and Huntington Ingalls. "Where we can get commonality... it's prudent to do that, not only to reduce risk, but also cost."

"I think that will put Electric Boat and PEO Submarines on the right foot moving forward," he said.

Benedict said all the Navy agencies responsible for the Columbia program, including SSP, Naval Reactors and the submarine program office "have

scrubbed the various pieces" to ensure Columbia will be ready on time and "will remain a viable asset" until the end of its expected service life in 2084.

The Navy plans to build 12 Columbia-class SSBNs to replace the 14 Ohio-class boomers. Each of the new boats will carry 16 nuclear-armed Trident II D5 missiles in four "quad packs" that also will go into the new Dreadnaughts.

Last year, the Navy estimated that Columbia would cost \$7.3 billion, but predicted that the price of the subsequent boats would drop to about \$6 billion each. Even that amount would take up a major chunk of the annual shipbuilding budget, which this year hit a high of \$21 billion.

Although the first Columbia boats will be armed with the Trident missiles, which are going through a service life extension program, the Navy is researching a possible replacement missile. It is collaborating in that effort with the Air Force, which is working on a replacement for its Minuteman III missiles.

Benedict's replacement as director will be Rear Adm. Jonny R. Wolfe, who, Benedict noted, had served 22 years in SSP, including time as his deputy. (USNI)

## Navy's F/A-18 Legacy Hornet Completes Its Sundown Cruise Aboard The Carrier Vinson

The aircraft carrier Carl Vinson recently returned to San Diego following a three-month WESTPAC deployment that was highlighted by a visit to Vietnam, the first such port stop by a U.S. carrier since the war ended.

While the historic magnitude of the Vinson's visit stole headlines, another newsworthy development was flying under the radar.

The "Blue Blasters" of VFA-34, embarked aboard Vinson, completed the final cruise for the Navy's F/A-18 Legacy Hornet, a story first reported by Scramble

Magazine and confirmed by The Drive.

Strike Fighter Squadron 34 is expected to transition from the Legacy Hornet to the Super Hornet in early 2019, the report said. And while the jet's glory days are in the rear view, it will continue serving Navy aviation in a number of smaller roles, including in reserves squadrons and at the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center at Naval Air Station Fallon.

The Blue Blasters will also still be participating in the multi-national war exercises — RIMPAC — this

summer, but that will only require a short stint aboard the carrier.

The Legacy Hornet's retirement from carrier deployments comes as the "Argonauts" of Strike Fighter Squadron 147 continue a transition to the F-35C, which began in December after they landed at NAS Lemoore following a six-month deployment aboard the carrier Nimitz.

The Argonauts will soon start more intensive flying as they begin their integration into a carrier air wing and prepare to deploy on the Vinson in 2021. (NT)







Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class David Ross takes the blood pressure of Operations Specialist Seaman Carmen Apolinar.



Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Daniel Lewis and Electrician's Mate Fireman Cameron Lipscom hang temporary safety tags in the shaft alley.



Machinist's Mate Fireman Jonathan Thomas conducts maintenance on a compressor unit.



Sailors attend a Speed Mentoring Rodeo in the Reactor Training Classroom on the flight deck.



Culinary Specialist Seaman Rebecca Troelsen cuts peppers in the galley.





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- Reported to Ike February 11, 2016.
- Wants to attain third warfare pin.
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IKE's Day with The Tides



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Blue Jackets Lean on Their  
Reliable 'Bread Man'

Artemi Panarin turned out to be everything the Columbus Blue Jackets were looking for when they traded for him last summer: a deadly sniper and deft puck distributor who can get game-breaking goals and make everyone around him better.

And, the Blue Jackets hope, someone who can get them deeper into the playoffs.

Columbus headed home to Nationwide Arena after taking a two-games-to-none lead over Washington in their first-round Eastern Conference series on Sunday night, a come-from-behind 5-4 overtime victory in which Panarin contributed two key assists.

That came three nights after Panarin won the series opener in overtime. With two assists already in regulation, he drove down the left side, slipped past Capitals defenseman Dmitry Orlov and snapped a shot over goalie Philipp Grubauer's shoulder.

Washington Coach Barry Trotz said, "There's very few people who can make that shot."

The Blue Jackets probably would not be playing in the postseason without Panarin, a 26-year-old Russian. He was a steady presence and a consistent scorer through a bumpy season of slumps and injuries to other key players.

Panarin led Columbus with 27 goals and 55 assists, and his 82 points were the most in a single season in franchise



Artemi Panarin, jumping at right, with teammates after the Blue Jackets' game-winning goal Sunday.

history.

Panarin — it sounds like Panera Bread, hence the hockey nickname Bread Man, or just Bread — has embraced being a featured star after playing in the large shadow of Patrick Kane in Chicago in his first two years in the league.

Panarin noted that in Chicago, he had gotten a lot of assists from Kane. But, he said, "I always wanted something more, to put more of the game on myself and be more accountable for the result — here, I got that, what I wanted." (AP)

Devils Rally for Home  
Win and Get Back  
in Series

Taylor Hall had a goal and two assists as the Devils rallied for a 5-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Monday in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals in Newark.

Hall's big night ensured the Devils will get a chance to even the series in Game 4 at home on Wednesday.

Hall scored his second goal of the series and then made nifty passes to set up goals by Will Butcher and Stefan Noesen in the third period. Hall's pass to Butcher during a five-on-three tied the game at just over 4 minutes into the third, and his feed to Noesen gave the Devils a one-goal lead with 7 minutes and 5 seconds remaining.

Hall became the first Devil to have a three-point postseason game since Zach Parise in 2012 against the Rangers in the Eastern Conference finals.

Blake Coleman added insurance with the Devils' first empty-net goal with 57 seconds remaining during a Tampa Bay power play. Ben Lovejoy added a second empty-net tally with almost 38 seconds to play.

Cory Schneider made 34 saves as the Devils opted to use him after he stopped 10 shots in relief of Keith Kinkaid in Game 2. (AP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1917 - The U.S. Naval Armed Guard crew on board SS Mongolia engages and damages a German U-boat, the first engagement against the enemy after declaration of war on April 6.

1945 - USS Buckley (DE 51) and USS Reuben James (DE 153) sink the German submarine U-879 southeast of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

1960 - The Grumman A2F-1 Intruder makes its first flight. The Intruder receives the designation of A-6A in 1962, and upon entering service in 1963, becomes the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps principle all weather/night attack aircraft.

1997 - USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) is commissioned at Staten Island, N.Y. The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer is the second Navy ship named after the five Sullivan brothers who died when USS Juneau (CL 52) was sunk shortly after the Battle of Guadalcanal Nov. 13, 1942.

2017 - The Cyclone-class patrol coastal ship USS Zephyr (PC 8), its embarked U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) personnel and coalition forces pursue and board a small fishing vessel, called a panga, and interdict 750 kilograms of cocaine with a total street value of \$22.5 million.



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Airman Sean Ellis, from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., grinds the deck in a passage way aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) (Ike). Ike is undergoing a Planned Incremental Availability (PIA) at Norfolk Naval Shipyard during the maintenance phase of the Optimized Fleet Response Plan (OFRP). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist

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